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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the accompanying remarks. Amend the application as follows, without prejudice:

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

On page 16, please replace the existing abstract with the following:

--The present invention relates to a ball, in particular a football. The ball according to the invention has, in its outer skin, a syntactic material that consists of a matrix material into which essentially dimensionally stable, elastic blow-molded parts are mixed. Furthermore, a new method of producing a ball with a verre églomisé print is also disclosed.--

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after line 5, please add

**--Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application incorporates by reference, and claims priority to, and the benefit of, German patent application serial number 19732824.5, which was filed on July 30, 1997 and U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/126,876, filed July 30, 1998, of which this is a continuation.--